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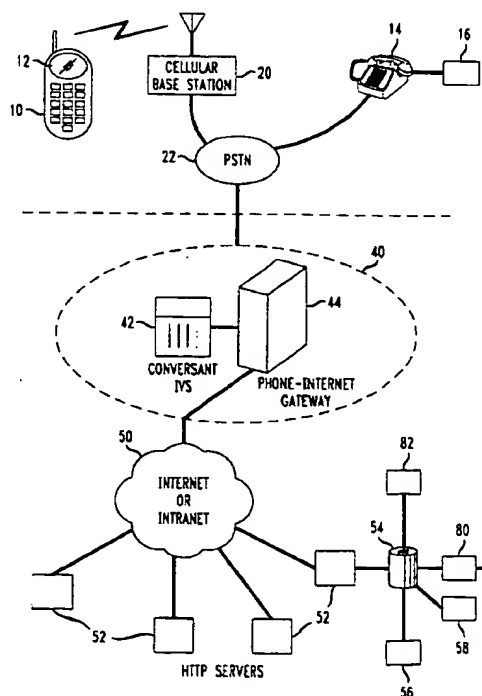
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(54) Method and apparatus for browsing the Internet with a telecommunications device

(57) In a method and apparatus for browsing the World Wide Web (50) with a telecommunications device (10) a gateway system (40) provides the necessary communications links, data format changes and protocol conversions to permit a user desiring specific information from the Web to obtain that information via telephone (10) or pager, in either spoken word or alphanumeric form, in response to spoken word or DTMF requests.

FIG. 1



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Apparatus and method for accessing the World Wide Web information via a telephone instrument, without requiring use of a Web browser

2. Claim : 9

Method of making desired World Wide Web information amenable to dissemination to a user via a telephone instrument comprising the steps of :
including, as part of an automated Web application containing desired information, an application portion which is relayable to a user utilizing a telephone instrument;
determining that said user is desirous of receiving said information at a telephone instrument rather than a software browser equipped computer device;
and relaying said application portion to said user.

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